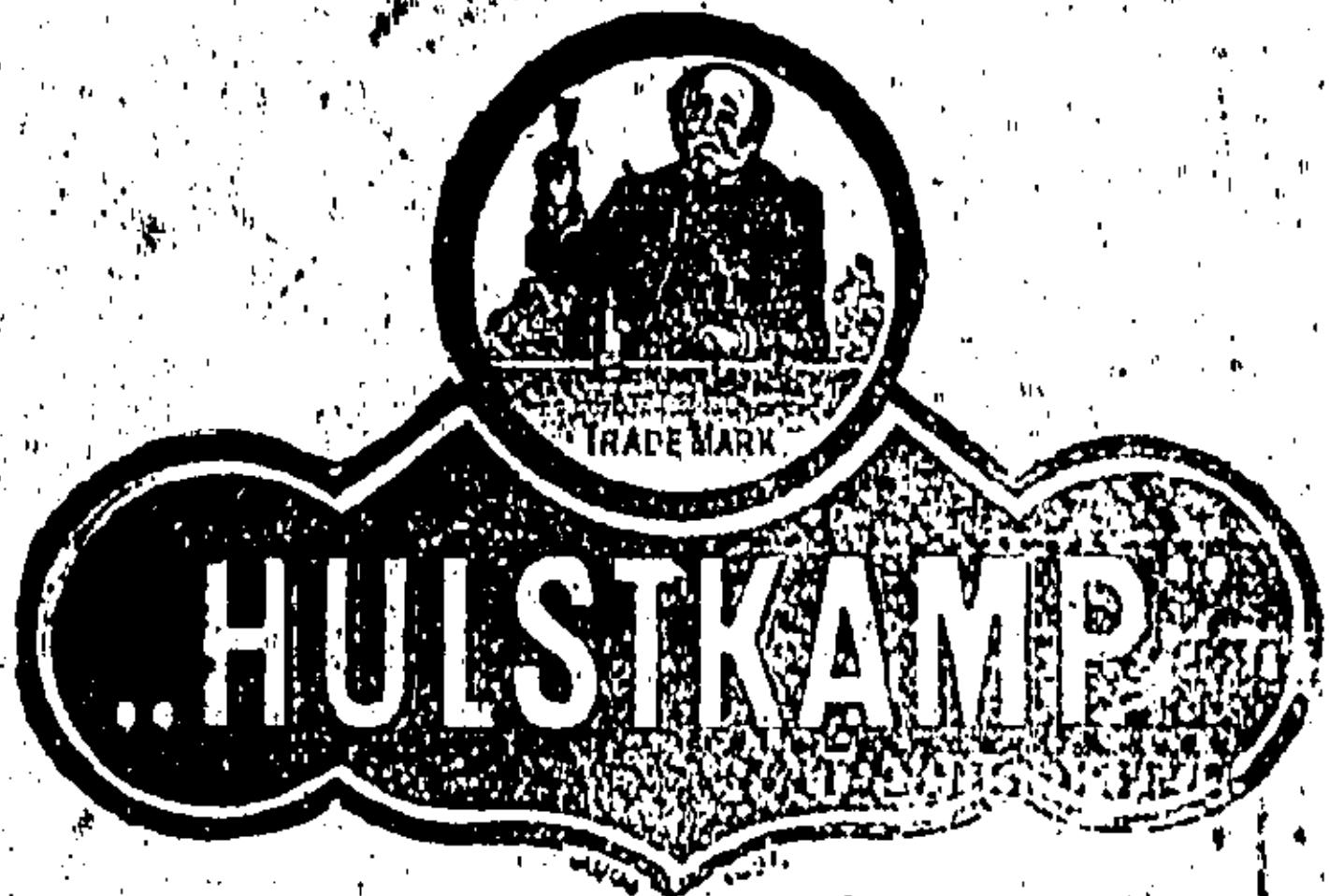
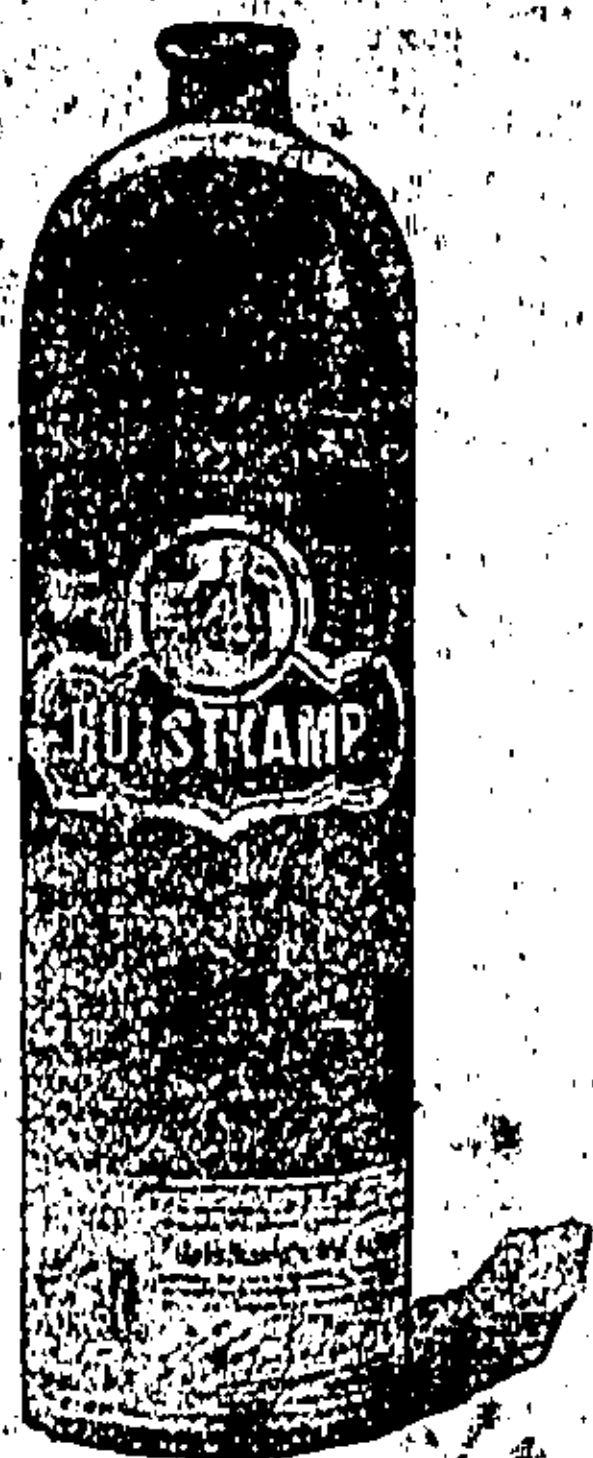


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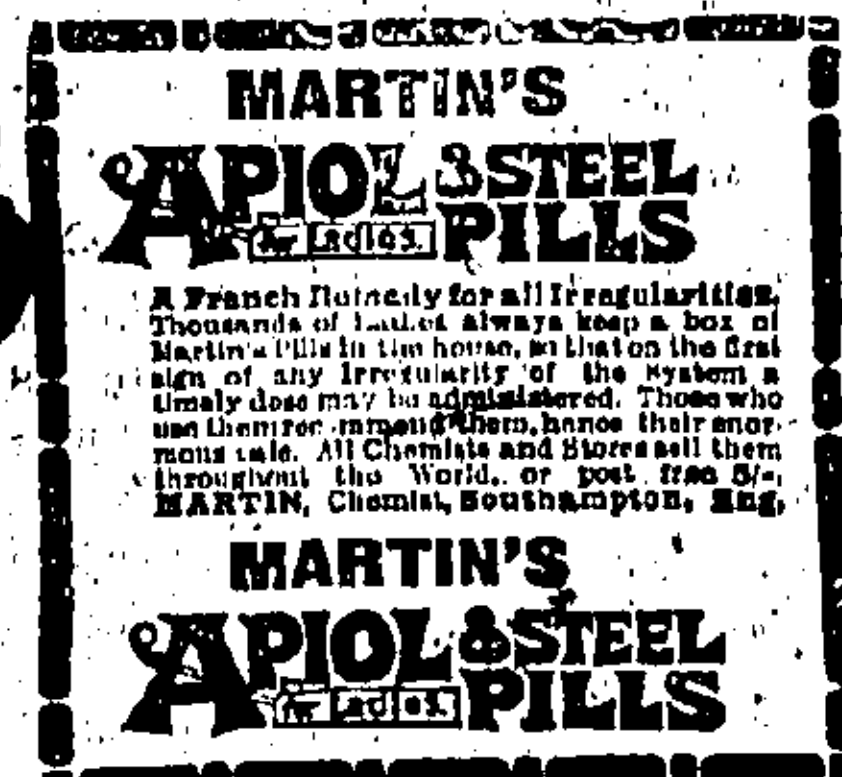
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The Tibetan Question.
Sir Edward Grey's recent statement in the House of Commons that no reply to Sir John Jordan's note of August 29th last has yet been received from the Chinese Government shatters any hope that may have been formed of China recognizing the independent status of Tibet, and proves that Chan Ping-chun's statement as to the grant of internal autonomy was mere window-dressing. Sir John Jordan's memorandum, it will be remembered, took the form of a protest against the attempt to drag Tibet into becoming an integral part of the Republic; it maintained that China's position vis-à-vis Tibet was that of suzerain; and made it plain that Great Britain would be compelled to regard seriously any further attempt on the part of China to subvert the position established by the Treaty of 1906. Suzerainty is, it is true, usually interpreted very differently by each of the two States bound by such a relationship, and it is doubtful how far the term applies to the loose and undefined historical relations between China and Tibet. The Treaty of 1906, however, coupled with the 1904 Agreement between Great Britain and Tibet, leaves no reasonable room for doubt as to the position in which it was intended to place the two countries with regard to each other; Tibet was to be free in her internal administration, but all her foreign intercourse was to be effected through and supervised by China—that is to say, the relationship between the two countries was to be much the same as that between Afghanistan and the Government of India.

South China Morning Post.

The Conquest of the Air.
Meanwhile men of the type of Count Zeppelin continue to make exceptional, and their achievements in the employment keep the newspapers busy. But that the latest performances of the L. 12 mark an epoch in the progress of aerial navigation even the least imaginative can hardly refuse to concede. No more doubt can exist, we are told, that the patrolling of the English coast and the return to Hamburg, or a reconnaissance since flight along the French mobilization routes to Paris and back to Cologne, would only be a normal manoeuvre for such airships. In the light of these facts it is rather staggering to conjure up a mental picture of the things that might happen in the event of a war between England and Germany.

China Mail.

Massacre of Lepers.
The affair seems to have been singularly brutal in the deliberation of the arrangements, and while we deprecate anything approaching interference in matters that concern China alone in her internal arrangements and have no direct effect upon others, we are, nevertheless, of opinion that a protest from Foreign Authorities and influential bodies might have at least the effect of letting the officials implicated in this atrocious know that such a crime is looked upon with horror by all Foreigners. Such action would probably prevent a recurrence of such barbarism in other parts of China. No matter from what point of view, moral or scientific, Chinese authorities may view their treatment of lepers they should be informed in clear and emphatic language that such an atrocity as is under discussion places them without the pale of civilization. We trust that prompt and effective steps will be taken to convey the disgust of Foreigners at such a disgraceful proceeding as has just taken place at Nanning.

Aghar War Veterans' Death.
One of the first sixty to go through the Khyber Pass during the Afghan campaign, Thomas Marriott, sixty, an old soldier, was found dead in bed at Arnold, near Nottingham, on November 22.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Antung Developments.
A native paper says that the Japanese, taking as pretext the recent mutiny at Antung, are now organising a military police. The Antung Taotai who opposes the scheme has reported the matter to Peking.

Famous American Actress Goes Blind.
Miss Clara Morris, in her day admittedly the greatest emotional actress on the American stage, has become totally and permanently blind. The oculists, who for more than a year employed every resource of their art to sustain her failing sight, and her power of vision had been forever and was beyond hope of restoration. She is in her fifty-fifth year. The condition of her health has made her virtually invalid for several years. Her activities during this period have been entirely literary, and her unimpaired use of her eyes in connection with the movies, novels, and short stories she prepared for publication undoubtedly hastened her blindness.

Telephone Invention in Paris.

Paris, November 7. In Charles Bourseul, there has just died at the age of 83, poor and unknown, the first discoverer of the principle of the telephone. His claim to this distinction was recognised 30 years ago by Dr. Graham Bell and Mr. Edison, who developed and completed the invention. Bourseul, who was the son of a French officer, devoted himself to the study of telegraphy, and in 1855 presented the theory of the telephone. Being a Government official, he obtained the consent of his superiors before publishing his discovery, but this permission was given him with the warning that he had better devote his attention to more serious matters.

Censorship of Cinematograph Films.

Mr. G. A. Bedford, late Censor of Plays and now Censor of Cinematograph Films, is engaged in organizing the British Board of Film Censors, of which he is the director. He stated recently to a newspaper representative that the scheme of working had not yet been completed. An office had been secured at 77, Shaftesbury Avenue, where there would be a miniature theatre for the reproduction of films. The censorship would extend all over Great Britain. There was a great advantage in having co-operation and assistance of the manufacturers themselves, and the very fact that they had asked for censorship showed not only their willingness but their real anxiety to keep out anything objectionable.

Great Eruption of Mount Asama.

About 10 o'clock on the night of the 13th ult., Mount Asama, the well-known volcano near Niigawa, burst into violent eruption. A large stream of lava flowed down the mountain, and at 11 a.m. on the 14th loud rumblings were heard from the crater and violent earth quakes felt at the foot of the mountain. From Komoro large rocks were seen emitted from the crater. About noon on Saturday large quantities of sulphur flowed down the mountain, the stream running for a distance of over 12 miles.

The Duke of Norfolk and the Home Rule Question.

Presiding at a recent Unionist meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch the Duke of Norfolk said he deeply resented the efforts which were most unhappily being made to rouse religious bigotry upon the Home Rule question and to impute to the Roman Catholics in Ireland, a spirit of religious intolerance. If such a charge was to be made it was not against the Roman Catholics that it could most justly lie. While he protested indignantly against such an accusation being brought against the bulk of his fellow Roman Catholics in Ireland, he could not shut his eyes to the fact that there were bodies with a Roman Catholic membership which, stirred by racial and political animosity, strove to urge practices upon their members which Roman Catholics must deplore. He said that very strongly, and thought it most mischievous the way this religious propaganda had been spread by people who had no right to speak as they had done.

SERVICE MATTERS.

Health of the Army.

The annual report on the health of the army for 1911 (Cd. 6287) by the Director-General, Army Medical Service, was issued on December 4. It stated that the improvement in the health of the troops is maintained. The ratio for admissions to hospital, invalids discharged, and the average number constantly sick are, indeed, the lowest recorded, while those for deaths and for invalids sent home are practically the same as last year, which were up till then the lowest on record. Enteric fever, malarial fever, venereal diseases, and alcoholism all show comparatively large decreases in the number of admissions. The number of men discharged from the army as invalids and the six principal causes of invaliding were all lower than they have ever been before.

Ventilation in Modern Warships.

Anything that conduces to the health of the naval personnel is of such vital importance, says the "Globe," that the investigation which has been instituted by the Admiralty into the best methods of ventilating modern warships will be generally approved. Mr. Churchill has seen for himself the "cabinets, cribbed, confined" conditions in the living and sleeping spaces in modern vessels, but it is only by actual experience that a full realisation is possible of the extent to which ventilation, in common with everything else that affects the convenience and comfort of a ship's company, is subordinated to fighting efficiency. Fleet-Surgeon Beadwell, who has devoted special attention to this subject in the course of a valuable paper read at the recent Public Health Congress, made the startling admission that, while engaged in making a systematic examination of some living spaces, he found that on one deck 450 square feet were in use out of a possible 464 square feet—that is, 97 per cent. of the potential ventilation was in use. The modern warship, with its honey-combed system, of watertight compartments, compels recourse to be had to artificial means of ventilation, and this, under the most perfect conditions, suffers in comparison with the free current of air which was admitted through large port-holes and ventilated the now obsolete ships almost entirely by natural means. The task which has been delegated to the Admiralty Committee of devising better inlets and outlets for air than at present exist is no easy one.

Sir Ian Hamilton at Colombo.

General Sir Ian Hamilton inspected the R.G.A. and C.A.V. at big gun target practice again on the 5th ult. The R.G.A. manned the Galle Face Battery and worked the powerful 9-inch guns. The Police had taken all the necessary precautions and the two roads and green were closed to pedestrians or vehicles. The course on water, too, was quite clear, and at 4.30 as the red flags went up the booming of cannon commenced. The range was between 6,000 and 7,000 yards. The steam launch was only visible, but the targets and the falling of the shells could not be seen owing to the great distance. As the launch came closer to the shore the C.A.V. opened fire from the Flagstaff Battery and like the R.G.A. added to their morning's reputation with some very shooting. Beside Sir Ian Hamilton and his staff there were present:—Brig-General A. J. Whitmore-Allen, G.O.C., Major Halford, Lt.-Col. E. M. Paul, Lt.-Col. L. D. Jackson and the officers of the R.G.A., while at the Flagstaff Battery all the C.A.V. Officers were present. General Sir Ian Hamilton and his staff inspected the 4th P.A.V. Rajputs and their quarters the following morning. He inspected them on parade looking at them, put through various movements, and also saw them skirmishing on Galle Face. Sir Ian also walked through their quarters and was struck with the methods of cleanliness and sanitation observed. The Officers present were:—Lt.-Col. A. B. Harvey, O.C., Major Walling, Capt. Simpson, Capt. Cosens and Ralston, and Lts. Clarke, Biggell and Herpath. Ceylon Independent.

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THREE IN A BAR.

Hongkong Episode on New Year's Eve.

The pawky youth with the greasy hair and the bilious looking socks fell back into a huge chair of enticing upholstery, and summoned all his energy to cross shapeless legs. His friend with his the American cut suit and the ball-nosed boots, though he had never been nearer American territory than the Consulate in Ice House Street, with Yankee don't careness, slipped into a similar receptacle. In the corner sat a man of the less elaborate though more substantial type.

"Shall we shake?" commenced the sly one.

"Don't mind," replied the counterfeit American with a well-practised drawl.

The friend in the corner looked on at the razzle dazzle but said nothing.

"Ever been in the North of England at this time of the year?" yawned the first shaker.

"Never."
"Missed nothing. I was up in Lancashire some few years ago for a bit of shooting just about this time—Bolton."

"Queer spot eh?"

The man in the corner twisted in his seat, and pricked his ears.
"Rum spot. Why they are uninvited. No wonder they call them trotters, for hang me if tripe and trotters don't comprise the staple dish. Well, I was forgetting the 'later pie' as the call it. To them New Year's Eve means licence with other people's comfort and they carry on their rowdyism the night long."

"An ill bred lot I supposed" chipped in the imitator.

"I'll bred isn't the word for it. Starting and stopping work by the blowing of a siren, or 'buzzer,' as they term it, racing pigeons or whippets, football and bowls, with an occasional trip to Blackpool is their existence; so what can one expect? Yes, my dear chap, a day in Bolton and one is glad he belongs to London. By the way did I tell you my father was hung at the R. A.?"

"No boy you did not."

The silent one smiled.

"Painter of sea-scapes eh?"

"Clever landscape painter too. Strange our name should be Painter too" spelt with the Y of course.

"Coincidence indeed."

"Well do I remember the crowd of celebrities that turned up on a Monday."

"Suppose so—number one crowd, boy, eh?"

"Sure. We will just have another and I will introduce you to—Plays a small part you know, not the common chorus stamp, none of the Lancashire hooligan about her."

They both shook their sides with laughing at this great shaft of wit.

"Owd on a minnit," said the silent one, "if ye don't take back that reference to 'coligans' I'll punce (kick) thee till th' blue in't face," and he grabbed the critic of his native town by the coat collar. Th' bin prating 'ere for the last 'arf ower about the gradely folk in Lannon. Shootin in Bowltun eh? In the name of the crows, what is there in Bowltun to shoot unless th' myens (means) bottles and no doubt they are fast in flight if th' gets them laving the fist of one of collyer lads. Th' fathier was hung at the Akademy was he—its th' Old Bailey the myens and the man whoa hung him cum'd fra Bolton-eh, Billington. Paynter indeed; wur it Peter they called him. Suppose the crowd that gathered on Mondays was landlord, sewing machine man, club k'lester, and pianner man. Th' made me almost pewk and if th' dumsa retract that remark I'm going to gie thee wot for. Who as the gotten in Lannon? Th' never had a goalie like Sutcliffe or a man like Jack Sharp who can ayther play at cricket or soccer. Then ther is Johnny Tyldesley whoa plays for't county, and oner armed Smith who can beat owt in th' country at pig-shooting. Who as the gotten in Lannon to touch them. Dr. Crippen, George Bernard Shaw, wot rites, Peter the Painter and Lloyd George.

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THE HOME RULE QUESTION.

It is apparent from the telegrams telling of the concluding stages of the passage of the Home Rule Bill through the House of Commons that the Government does not intend to waver in its intention to see the measure placed upon the Statute Book. Whether its hopes will be realised, however, is another matter, since it is more than possible that the Bill will be promptly thrown out by the Upper Chamber. This is a possibility which Mr. Asquith and his colleagues must have all along foreseen, and though they may have in mind the existence of the Parliament Act to enable the resistance of the Peers to be overcome, they must yet feel that very little satisfaction can be attained along these lines, inasmuch as the Lords continue their opposition to the measure, it would take two years before the Act could automatically come into force. And long before that time the present Ministry may have been compelled to hand over the reins of office to their opponents now occupying the Opposition Benches.

Some few days ago it seemed as though a way might have been found out of the present impasse. The Unionists made a strong and dignified appeal to the Liberals to agree to a compromise by which the Bill should pass into law, save that its provisions should not apply to Protestant Ulster. In their appeal, the Unionist M.P.s referred to the Liberal party's traditional regard for liberty and justice and asked for most serious and earnest consideration of the suggestion. But their plea fell on deaf ears, and the amendment embodying the variation in the Bill was thrown out by a majority of close on a hundred. It is clear, in face of the Premier's speech on the amendment, and from the result of the division, that the Government came to the debate in no spirit of willingness to listen to the pros and cons of the matter, but with its mind already fully made up. To paraphrase an old saying, "Convince a Government against its will, it's of the same opinion still." Hence Mr. Asquith's agreement to a whole day being devoted to the discussion of the point turns out to have been no concession whatever; what is more, it was simply making a mockery of Parliamentary debate. It was significant, however, that both the Prime Minister and the power at the back of him, in the person of Mr. John Redmond, went out of their way to acknowledge the seriousness and magnitude of the position to the Bill. This fact, coming hard on the heels of Ministerial derision at the Ulster movement, surely shows that the sponsors of the ill-drawn measure are experiencing qualms of conscience as to whether after all justice is being done everybody. We are quite willing to accept the dictum, expressed in regard to another measure by the present Chief Secretary for Ireland, that minorities must generally suffer; "it is the badge of their tribe." But there are also other occasions when the rights of minorities may be respected without injury to the majority, and in making the plea that Ulster be allowed to remain where she is, Sir Edward Carson struck a reasonable note. Mr. Asquith in his reply made boast of the so-called "safeguards" which had been inserted to protect the majority, but surely the most adequate and complete safeguard to a people to whom the whole spirit of the Bill is repugnant would have been their exclusion from its cordially-disliked provisions.

Another point of interest in the debate was Mr. Asquith's query as to what the attitude of the Unionists would be were the Bill submitted to the electorate. Such a question must either spring from the contemplation of an immediate Dissolution on the Bill, or of its submission to the popular vote at the event of its being rejected by the House of Lords. In any case, the mere raising of the question is proof that the Government is a little short of the once much-boasted "mandate." We indeed surprised were the Unionists to so far expose the Government to pledge themselves to any course of action by giving a reply to the Premier's "drawing" question. Let the Government submit the Bill to the country; the answer will be plain. And when it is made there will, we imagine, be little or no worry about the attitude of the Unionists. It will be good for Home Rule and to the party which fathers it.

The New Year Honours.

The New Year Honours as outlined in our telegraphic columns should give general satisfaction if only because of the variety of interests which the favoured personages represent. Hongkong is especially gratified that its popular Chief Justice, Mr. Rees Davies, has been given a Knighthood. We tender our congratulations to the new Knight, alike on the honour and on his forthcoming wedding. It is also gratifying to see that a brother of Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, in the person of the British Consul at Hankow, has been similarly honoured. The knighthood is well deserved, for during the 30 odd years he has been in the Chinese Consular Service Mr. W. H. Wilkinson has done much solid work for his country. A feature of the Honours is the recognition of the labours of leading shipowners and merchants at Home and the only regret, if there be one, is that men of art and letters have been left out in the cold. But this is a workaday world, and whatever qualms may be felt in this direction are more than balanced by the other fact to which we have alluded, namely the way which the masters of industry have been honoured.

The University and Engineering.

In our issue of yesterday we printed a preliminary list of apparatus presented by British engineers to the Hongkong University. Quite evidently the larger firms at Home are ready to support the efforts now being made to introduce scientific methods into China. The list, indeed, is so considerable and the apparatus so valuable, that the University seems in a fair way to possessing a collection of machines and experimental apparatus quite unique in its way. Professor Smith has spared no effort to ensure that the University shall fully meet the growing demand for scientific education amongst the Chinese, and he must be congratulated on the results which have, so far, attended his labours.

New Year in London.

One of yesterday's wires stated that thousands of enthusiastic Scots assembled round St. Paul's Cathedral to see the New Year in. We wonder if they were Scots. It has been our experience, and probably that of many of our readers, that the crowd that collects round St. Paul's to keep Hogmanay is, as a rule, anything but Scottish. Here and there a Scotsman may be seen, but by far the greater number—of persons there assembled were born south of the Cheviots, if not within the sound of Baw Bells.

The Labour Party.

Another interesting wire is to the effect that the Labour party is urging the necessity for better discipline among its followers. Well it may, for so far as one may judge by the Home papers, each individual Labourite appears to be a law to himself. A well-organised and thoroughly united Labour party, with a rational programme based on a genuine desire to serve the working man's best interests, might be a godsend to the country; but, hitherto the party has had neither unity nor common sense, and the general impression which it gives is that however good friends its members may be to themselves, they are none to the working man.

THE RUSSIAN BANK BOYCOTT.

To judge from a somewhat hysterical circular the Chinese boycott of the Russo-Asiatic Bank shows signs of extending to Shanghai says the "N. China Daily News." The circular alleges that Russia's military policy and diplomacy in the East are dependent upon the Bank for their success. The Bank, it says, has been reported by the Chinese Press to have asked the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to come to the assistance of the master of the Bank. The circular concludes by urging upon all Chinese to boycott the Bank by boycotting its branches. It is signed "Mou" and how to treat

DAY BY DAY.

Do not be an imitator; be yourself.

"Dope" Revenue.
A man was fined \$30 at the Police Court, this morning, for being in unlawful possession of opium.

Lady de Sausmarez.
Lady de Sausmarez, the wife of Sir Haviland de Sausmarez, arrived from Shanghai to-day by the s.s. Delta.

Officer Missing.
The captain of the s.s. Kum Chow has reported to the police that his Chief Officer named Eryam has been missing since the 30th ult.

Stealing Wood.
At the Police Court, this morning, a man was sent to gaol for a month and ordered to be kept in the stocks for four hours, for stealing wood at Yau-mat.

Found in the Harbour.
The dead body of a Chinese female aged 18 years has been found in a decomposed condition in the Harbour. Death was apparently due to smallpox.

Children's Bodies Found.
The body of a Chinese male child about one month old has been found at Hung Hom. The body of a Chinese male child has been found near Sam Shui Po.

Died in the Street.
The body of a Chinese male aged 35 years of 1, Peel Street, has been found by the police at the junction of Wellington Street and Stanley Street. Deceased fell and expired.

Harbour Collision.
The master of the trading junk T. I. 413-H. has reported to the police that at midnight on the 18th ult., when anchored at Kennedy Town, the steamer On Ham collided with his craft.

Constable's Serious Injuries.
Constable Phillips who was injured by a Portuguese sailor named Pinto, has been removed to the hospital, the injuries to his head having become more serious.

Kailan Mining Administration.
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 14th Dec. last amounted to 38,833.52 tons and the sales during the period, to 38,456.37 tons.

Royal Colonial Institute.
Amongst a long list of newly-elected Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute are Mr. Cecil Clementi of Hongkong, and Mr. Percy F. May of Borneo. Mrs. Penelope Clementi has been elected an Associate of the Institute.

A Summary Court Record.
As an idea of the enormous amount of work done in the Summary Court, we understand that in all 2,037 writs were issued last year. This, we learn, creates a record. There were over 40 cases in the list to be dealt with to-day.

Major Fitzwilliams.
Among the passengers who arrived to-day by the mail steamer India from Home was Major Fitzwilliams, who relieves Major Taylor in command of the A. S. C. Major Fitzwilliams, is a brother of Dr. Fitzwilliams, the well-known Hongkong practitioner.

Boat Capsized.
A fisherman has reported to the police that at Kato Island, off Sha-to-kok, near Mei Bay, his boat, with twenty passengers, was capsized on the 31st ult. All the passengers were thrown into the water and two women were drowned. One of the bodies was afterwards recovered.

Macao Hotel Sold.
We have been informed that Messrs G. A. Watkins and H. Kelly, the latter of the Grand Hotel, Hongkong, have purchased the Boa Vista Hotel, Macao, and are to run it on the most up-to-date lines. The catering is to be of the finest, and visitors are assured of the best attention and comfort that the management can produce.

Commander Carey.
Commander G. V. W. Carey, who has been appointed to the Tamar, receiving ship at Hongkong, for special service there, has been aloft since January, 1890, says the "L. and O. Express," when he was appointed a cadet. He was promoted sub-lieutenant in 1895, lieutenant in 1897, and commander two years later, and for the past 18 months has been serving aboard the Tamar as an executive officer.

MANILA-CATTLE-TRADE.

Opinions of a Well Known Dealer.

Mr. G. M. Lack, of the firm of Lack and Davis, Manila, when interviewed by a representative of the "Hongkong Telegraph" to-day said that the cattle prospects for 1913 were good, if, (he emphasized the "if") the Islands are granted independence by the New Democratic Government. In that event the natives would "let down the bars" and permit of the importation of cattle under proper restrictions, of course.

The Islands are badly in need of good cattle, Mr. Lack added, and he did not see how the Philippines were to get along without them. Cattle are very scarce, at present, and such as they have are of inferior quality.

When asked as to the possibility of Argentine cattle being brought through the Panama Canal so as to infuse fresh blood in the Islands, Mr. Lack stated that he thought the distance too great and the heat too excessive, though he admitted that importation might be possible if the cattle were carried on deck.

The animals that we hope to get in Manila will come from Chinese ports, and especially from the West River district where the breed is a good one and has been well kept up by the Chinese.

Mr. Lack went on to say that in the event of President-elect Wilson declining to grant Philippine Independence the natives have threatened to hold up all ships that attempt to import cattle.

Mr. Lack is on his way to Washington to try and bring about an investigation of cattle affairs in Manila which, he says, is greatly needed. He alleges that conditions are extraordinary, to say the least, as animals are permitted to enter from some ports and are debarré from others.

With regard to the question of the Independence of the Philippines, Mr. Lack said that most people in the Islands expected it eventually. Mr. Wilson has shown a strong tendency towards this end, and having a Democratic House of Representatives behind him, the result seemed almost a foregone conclusion.

From a despatch that I saw on Monday last, Mr. Lack said, "I gather that the proposition is that a Provisional government shall be installed for eight years, and if, at the end of that time, it has proved successful, there will be a complete abandonment of the Islands by the U.S.A. At present no capital is being invested by anyone, as all are waiting to see what is going to happen."

M. OSSIPOFF'S CONCERT.

Following is the programme of M. Eugene Ossipoff's concert at the City Hall to-morrow night:—

- Part I.
1.—Aria Rigoletto Verdi.
b. Prince Ivan's Song
F. Allittean.
Eugene Ossipoff.
2.—Berceuse de Jocelyn, Godard
Mrs. F. J. Hunter.
Flute obligato Major F. J. Hunter.
3.—Song "Mirvana" S. Adams.
Mr. George Lammert.
4.—a. The dream of Love, Liszt.
b. March of the Dwarfs
Grieg.
Mr. Emil Dannenberg.
5.—a. Chanson "Le prince Igor" A. Borodine.
b. Blow thou Wind
J. Serjant.
Eugene Ossipoff.
Part II.
6.—a. Aria from "Eug. Onegin."
Tchaikowsky.
b. Romance Bleichmann.
Eugene Ossipoff.
7.—Aria "La Reine de Saba" C. Gounod.
Mr. W. Gask.
8.—Elegia C. Bohm.
Mr. S. H. Dodwell.
9.—Duet Barcarola "Tales of Hoffmann" Offenbach.
Mrs. F. J. Hunter and
Mr. W. Gask.
10.—a. Epithalamo "Nero"
b. Toreador's Song
"Carmen" Bizet.
Eugene Ossipoff.

THE OPIUM OUTLOOK.

Hongkong Merchants Awaiting Some Old English Superstitions Recalled.

The position in regard to the Chinese Government and the opium question remains practically unchanged, nor do the merchants in Hongkong look for any further special developments until after the sale which takes place on the 7th inst. In Canton, we are informed, no smokers' licences have been renewed, and all the Chinese ports are closed to opium, which, of course, amounts to a public rejection of the Agreement.

Meanwhile the merchants in Shanghai and Hongkong are still asking what is to become of their stocks. The general feeling among them is that it is the business of the Indian Government to see that the dealers are not the losers. The Indian papers endorse this idea, urging that the opium is grown under Government supervision, that much of it is manufactured at the Government factory, that it is sold at Government auctions and shipped on a Government certificate, and that the proceeds of the sales and of the right to export goes to the Indian exchequer.

As to China's action in the matter, one Calcutta paper observes frankly: "If German subjects had been treated as the British opium merchants have been, then the Chinese Government would speedily have been brought to book."

THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

Announcement of Approaching Wedding.

A marriage will take place in March between His Honour Sir W. Rees Davies, K.C. the Chief Justice, and Hilda Kathleen Chaplin, second daughter of the late W. J. E. Blennerhassett Athill, Esq., of Faversham, Kent, and granddaughter of the late W. J. Athill, Esq., of Branston Hall, Norfolk.

"THE COURT CARDS."

This remarkably versatile combination of high-class entertainers closes its season here to-night, and if the house were packed to its utmost limits, this would be nothing more than they deserve. There was a better-sized audience last night than previously, and the programme went with a rare swing from start to finish. There were no dreary waits; three hours of solid, continuous merriment and harmony were provided. And everybody thoroughly revelled in the feast of good things served up for their delectation. Above all, the entertainment, as on previous nights, was thoroughly "clean"; indeed, the refinement of the company is one of its chief characteristics. It would be invidious to single out any one of the seven artistes for special mention where all are so clever and talented in their respective spheres. All that is necessary to say is that each and all do marked credit to themselves and to the company as a whole. The show is certainly the very best of its kind we have ever seen out East.

A YARN TRANSACTION.

This morning in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Chi Cheung Co., Ltd., 59 Bonham Strand, sued Tsang Tsz Hi, of 15 Hillier Street to recover the sum of \$667.98, money due from the defendant to the plaintiff, on an account delivered on Sept. 6, 1910. The claim showed the purchase of 72 bales of yarn for \$10,875.47; to the defendants who sold the same quantity later to the plaintiffs for \$9,908.51. The defendant having paid \$300 in cash, it was alleged that the sum claimed was part of the difference between the price at which the defendant bought, and the price at which he sold to the plaintiff. Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. J. H. Gardiner for the defendant. Plaintiff in the box deposed to the sale of the yarn to the defendants in 1910 and the subsequent repurchase by his firm. Mr. Gardiner called no evidence and judgment was given for the plaintiffs with costs.

NEW YEAR CUSTOMS.

Some Old English Superstitions Recalled.

From the earliest ages the first of a new year has been a time of festivity and rejoicing among people, and history has much to tell of the varying customs observed at this time of the year. As this is to be wondered at, for it is only natural that man should, in some special manner, distinguish the day which begins the great divisions of his life. The New Year's Day has been celebrated with but little public activity, though time was when the occasion was marked by great pomp and ceremony. It is a well-known fact, however, that in Scotland old customs in this regard still die very hard, and the day is even yet a time of distinct merriment and festivity—everybody keeps it as a holiday, and visits, congratulations and the giving of presents are still common features of a year's beginning. In contrast with this, the only open joyous demonstration on New Year's Day in England nowadays may be said to be the sound of merry peals from the church bells as they ring out the Old and ring in the New Year.

Quack Beliefs.

Confining ourselves to England, it will be of interest to recall some of the more quaint of the superstitions, customs which formerly obtained in various parts of the country, but which, unhappily, are now very seldom observed. It is usually the rule to commence a new year's celebrations on New Year's Eve, and one of the oldest customs in rural districts was for a poorer class of people to encircle the neighbourhood with what was known as the Wassail-Bowl. This was gaily decked with ribbons and garlands and those who carried it went from door to door begging to have a drink. It was customary for the wassailers to sing a ditty at each house visited, and the words of one of these, common in Gloucestershire, went somewhat as follows:—

Come butler, bring us a bowl of the best.
I hope your soul in heaven will rest.
But if you bring us a bowl of the small.
Then down fall butler, bowl and all.

Among the many superstitions reported from the Isle of Man is one very picturesque in character which was formerly observed in many of the upland cottages. It was the habit for the housewife, just before getting into bed on the last day of the year, to spread the ashes from the fire smoothly over the floor in the hope of finding, next morning, the track of a cat; should this toes of this animal point towards the door, then it was believed a member of the family would die in the course of the year; but should the track of the fairy foot point in that direction, then it was believed that the family would be augmented during the twelve-month.

Good and Bad Luck.

Years ago in the North of England it was considered unlucky for any inmate to go out of a house until someone from within had entered it; and the foot across the threshold was watched with great anxiety, should a female or a light-haired male be the first to enter, was supposed to bring bad luck for the whole of the year. Various precautions were taken to prevent this misfortune; hence many male persons with dark hair were in the habit of going from house to house to "take the new year in." For this, in many instances, they were treated with liquor and presented with a small gratuity.

There used to be an old custom in Herefordshire that when midnight of December 31st struck, a rush was made to the nearest spring of water, and whoever was fortunate enough to first bring in "the cream of the well," as it was termed, and those who first tasted it, were assured good luck through the coming year. A very similar custom also existed in Scotland, only the girl who was fortunate enough to obtain the first pail of water was supposed to have more than a double chance of being wedded to the most desirable young man of the parish.

COURT CONGESTION.

Nearly all Cases Adjourned for a Fortnight.

The sitting of the Full Court appears to have interfered somewhat with the working of the Summary Court, with the result that practically all the cases have been adjourned a fortnight.

Dealing with one case, to-day, Mr. Justice Gompertz remarked that he wanted to leave next Friday's list for Saturday, and, as he did not know whether he would be able to do that, he would fix Friday next provisionally.

In the matter of a claim for \$1000 brought by Hu Shing and another against the On Hing Firm, Mr. C. F. Mason, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Gardiner for the defendants.

Mr. Gardiner:—Can your Lordship fix anything?

His Lordship:—I am afraid I can't suggest anything at all.

Mr. Gardiner:—Will you adjourn it for three weeks?

His Lordship:—It would really be better to adjourn all cases for a fortnight of three weeks. There is not the slightest chance of my being able to deal with them before. I think I had better adjourn all the cases a fortnight.

This course of adjourning cases for fourteen days was adopted in most instances.

VOLUNTEERS.

Corps Orders issued by Captain C. V. S. Skrimshire state that parades will be held at Volunteer Head Quarters at 5 p.m., as follows:—

Monday 6th January:—Civil Service Company, Infantry Drill; Kowloon Dock Detachment, M. G. Drill.

Tuesday, 7th January:—Howitzer and 10 Pr. Sections, Gun Drill; Right and Centre Sections M. G. Co. Machine Gun Drill; Remainder, Infantry Drill.

Wednesday, 8th January:—Loft Section M. G. Co. M. G. Drill; Remainder, Infantry Drill; Taikoo detachment, Gun Drill; Kowloon Dock detachment, Infantry Drill.

Friday, 9th January:—Civil Service Coy. M. G. Drill; Remainder, Semaphore Signalling. Engineer Company:—Parade at Belcher's Fort at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 8th instant for Technical Instructions.

Howitzer Section:—The fourth Company shoot will take place at King's Park Range at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday next the 5th instant. Ammunition must be procured from Headquarters before 12.30 p.m. on Saturday the 4th.

MR. GERSHOM STEWART ON IMPERIAL UNITY.

Mr. Gershom Stewart, M.P. for the Wirral Division of Cheshire, and a one time member of the Hongkong Legislative Council, in the course of a political pronouncement in a London daily paper, takes as his text the waterworks of the party, "National Security" and "Imperial Unity," and declares it to be the duty of the Unionists to strengthen the defences of the country and to establish a system of Imperial Preference in trade. National security, he contends, is the only secure basis of "social reform." He contemplates the amendment, if not repeal, of the National Insurance Act, holding it to constitute a direct food tax; and he insists that the Unionist policy of rural housing and small ownership, assisted by credit banks, must be steadily pursued, together with Tariff Reform, co-operation of employers and employed, House of Lords reform, and the improvement of the existing canal and waterway system.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, two men were charged with committing an armed robbery at 7, Cheung Lane, on New Year's Day. They were remanded on the application of the police. It was alleged that the property stolen valued at \$500.50, including money, jewellery, and clothing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph].

FACT OR NOT?

The Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—In the Admiralty Memorandum, presented on the 5th inst. to the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, there occurs a very extraordinary misstatement of fact.

The Memorandum in question alleges that in the year 1909, "eight capital ships were laid down in Great Britain, and two others were provided by the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand, respectively,—a total of ten."

The fact is, according to the Navy Estimates themselves, that four capital ships, and no more, were laid down in the financial year 1909-10.

These four are:—The Colossus, laid down July 8th, 1909 (pp. 202-3 of the current estimates).

The Hercules, laid down July 30th, 1909 (pp. 202-3 estimates). The Orion, laid down November 29th, 1909 (pp. 196-7 estimates).

The Lion, laid down November 29th, 1909 (pp. 198-9 estimates). It is to be presumed that the Memorandum is intended to refer to the financial year; but even if the actual year ("1909") itself be intended, only two can be added to the four.

These two are the ships belonging to the programme of the financial year 1908-9, namely:—

The Neptune, laid down January 19th, 1909.

The Indefatigable, laid down February 23rd, 1909.

Even if the Admiralty, by a departure from all received custom, include these two last mentioned ships amongst the capital vessels, laid down "in 1909," the total would be six—not ten.

Let me now revert to the financial year 1909-10. I have already said that in the financial year only four ships were in fact laid down.

None of the four "contingent" or "extra" Dreadnaughts of 1909-10 were laid down in the financial year 1909-10. They were all laid in the following financial year 1910-11. The Monarch was laid down on April 1st 1910, the Conqueror on April 5th 1910, the Thunderer on April 13th 1910, and the Princess Royal on May 2nd 1910. (Current Estimates, pp. 204-5, 202-3, 202-3, 206-7, respectively).

As for the New Zealand and the Australia which the Memorandum states to have been "provided" in 1909:—Neither of them was in fact laid down until June 1910.

Yours etc.,

Rowland Hunt.

Chairman of the Executive Committee, Imperial Maritime League.
12th December, 1912.

CARELESS COOLIES.

Man Injured by Truck at Yau-mati.

Inspector Cameron charged two men before Mr. Hazeland, at Police Court, this morning with carelessly driving a truck at Yau-mati, knocking down and injuring an old Chinese. The inspector said the two men came up with a truck and ran into the old man.

His Worship:—Was the truck too heavy for them and they could not manage it?

Inspector Cameron:—I suppose they were not looking where they were going.

His Worship:—How much compensation do you want?

Complainant said he did not want much; it was "unlucky" to happen.

His Worship said that it was very nice of him to say that, and discharged the men on condition they paid the complainant \$3, the amount he asked for.

Cheung Chau Piracy.

Further evidence in the Cheung Chau case was taken by Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court, this afternoon. Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, appearing on behalf of the Crown.

COCAINE POSSESSION.

Important Judgment in Police Court.

Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this afternoon, delivered his decision in the case wherein a Chinese is charged with being in unlawful possession of 1,000 ounces of cocaine, consigned to Messrs. Hollis godowns as bales of paper and made up as such.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, defended.

At the conclusion of a very long interpretation, of the meaning of "possession," his Worship said:—Having regard to the very drastic nature of the Ordinance I do not feel justified in inflicting a less penalty than the sum of \$500. I therefore order the defendant to pay a fine of \$500, in default six months' imprisonment with hard labour. The cocaine, the subject matter of the charge, I order to be forfeited to the Crown.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

The following have been selected to play for the "Probables" against the Garrison on Wednesday the 8th instant, on the Hongkong Football Club's Ground at 4.45 p.m. sharp.

Probables, (White):—Goal, Swan; Full Backs, Colmer and Hamilton; Half Backs, Wilkie, Barlow, Capt. and Campbell; Forwards, Pinchards, Pennell, Pearson, Green, and Lewis.

The following first Division League Matches will take place on Saturday:—

K.O.Y.L.I. vs H.K.F.C.; On the Military Ground at 4.00 p.m. sharp; Official Referee, Sergt Wilson.

H.M.S. "Famar" vs R.G.A.; on the Naval Ground at 4.00 p.m. sharp; Official Referee, Mr. Woods.

RUGBY.

The following have been chosen to play for the Club v. H.M.S. Kent, tomorrow, at 4 p.m. on the Club Ground:—

T. E. S. Robson; B. Chapman; V. M. Grayburn and H. S. Rouae; A. N. Other; J. Clarke and F. Sutherland; A. Murdoch, R. M. Austin, A. F. Deane, T. J. Fisher, D. Walker, H. G. Hegarty, C. O. Stark and W. M. Sutherland.

BOXING.

We are informed that Jack Cordell has gone into training to meet the winner of the Stevens-Scott bout, which takes place tomorrow night, on the 18th of January.

CHINA MERCHANTS' S. N. CO.

Concern to be Put on a Modern Basis.

Genuine business ability and thorough business system will govern the destiny of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company under its new lease of life, says the "China Press." This is the ruling principle in the plans outlined for the reorganization and rehabilitation of the concern by the Chinese syndicate that is taking over control.

While the identity of the syndicate members still is more or less shrouded in secrecy the names of the fifteen or more leading spirits are known, and these are believed to be a guarantee of the soundness of the new organization. They are counted as business progressives, and have intimated that the China Merchants' shall be conducted at least with a liberal share of foreign advice, if not largely by foreign managership.

Little remains to be done in effecting the formal transfer of the company to its new control. The books and accounts, it is believed, can be made ready for turning over in about thirty days. In the meantime the syndicate is completing its plans, long ago commenced, for putting the company on a sound basis.

As a surety of its excellent intentions, and its desire for public approval, the syndicate has wired the Peking Government, asking that the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Posts and Communications be commissioned to come to Shanghai and go over the plans for reorganization and have an eye to the methods that will be employed.



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Optional Cargo will be carried on, unless notice to the contrary be given to-day.

All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th inst., will be subject to rent.

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This steamer brings on Cargo:—

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FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

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Capt. R. F. Thomson, will be despatched for the above ports on Sunday, the 5th inst., at daylight.

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Hongkong, 2nd Jan. 1913. [1029]

NOTICE.

FROM 1st January the Hongkong Hotel GRILL ROOM will be open from noon till 11 p.m. on weekdays; and from 7 p.m. till 11 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

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Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.	HOMEWARD.
For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:	For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg:
ALTMARK 3rd Jan.	S.S. BRASILIA 9th Jan.
SILESIA 14th Jan.	For Havre & Hamburg:
SUEBIA 27th Jan.	S.S. SAMBIA 14th Jan.
O. J. D. ARLERS 11th Feb.	For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg:
SPEZIA 26th Feb.	S.S. FURST BULOEW 24th Jan.
SENEGAMBIA 10th March	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:
SITHONIA 23rd March	S.S. ARMENIA 27th Jan.
	For Havre & Hamburg:
	S.S. ALTMARK 3rd Feb.
	For Marseilles, Bremen, H. & A. w. w.:
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	For Bremen & Hamburg:
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	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:
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	For Vancouver & Portland (Or.):
	S.S. SITHONIA 22nd March

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NEW FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN
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EASTWARD.

The S.S. "FULTAL," 4154 tons gross, Capt. H. W. T. will be despatched for YOKOHAMA & KOBÉ on the 10th January, at daylight taking cargo and passengers at current rates.

WESTWARD.

The S.S. "OKARA," 5291 tons gross, Capt. E. B. Hirst, will be despatched for SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON on the 12th January 1913 at noon, and will be followed by the S.S. "UPADA," 5257 tons gross, Capt. Logan, sailing hence on or about the 20th January 1913 at noon, taking cargo at current rates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
AGENTS. [1]

LOG BOOK.

U. S. Shipyards Built 140 Ship
in October.

October shipbuilding statistics of the Washington Department of Commerce and Labour show a total of 140 vessels constructed in the United States during that month. They total 30,000 tons gross. On the Atlantic and Gulf 71 vessels of 23,779 tons were built and on the Great Lakes 29 vessels of 8,260 tons.

S.S. "Senzan Maru" Again Collided with Steam-Trawler.

The S.S. Senzan Maru, 2210 tons, Capt. K. Katano, formerly the Gonipara, owned by Mr. Yonotomo, which collided on the 30th Nov. with a Japanese sailer near Kobe, while on her way from Nagoya to Karatsu, collided again at 1 a.m. on the 10th ult. near Azukijima Island in the Inner Channel of Japan with the steam-trawler Fukuhaku Maru No. 5, and sustained serious damage to her bow above water-line. In consequence, the "Senzan Maru" was obliged to be "docked" again at the Inoshimizu Branch of the Osaka Iron Works; whilst the Fukuhaku Maru is so trifling that she needs no attention. This accident will also be enquired into by the Marine Disciplinary Committee, Dairen.—"Manchuria Daily News."

Coast Steamer Rate War.

We hear, says the "Manchuria Daily News," that the rival steamers on the above route, which had hitherto been waging a reckless competition in freights, as previously reported, have been advised to discontinue their ruinous warfare, and have entered into a freight compact. Prior to the formation of this compact, four steamers thereon were obliged to quit the service as a result of the competition. On the contrary the Dairen-Shantung route is now overcrowded with thirteen vessels. As might have been naturally expected, a freight war is being waged at present, and this has caused a marked fall in the rates. Some Japanese shipping firms interested in this route, however, keep aloof from the competition, and the ordinary scale of \$1.00

per basket if imposed on wild silk cocoons from here to Chefoo.

Two more Steamers to be Registered at Dairen.

News has been received of the Marine Office, Dairen, stating that a foreign steamer has been sold to a Japanese buyer at Bombay, to be registered at Dairen. Furthermore, Mr. S. Fukagawa, who is the owner of the "Ulysses," and the Daihoku Maru, formerly the Otto Berg, both registered there, has also purchased another steamer from abroad for a similar purpose. It may be added that altogether 31 vessels, with total tonnages of 108,200, have been imported from abroad to Japan so far this year, of which 12 vessels have been either registered, or are to be registered in the Kwantung Leased Territory. In addition, says the "Manchuria Daily News," 12 foreign steamers, with total tonnages of 36,039, have already been contracted for importation to Japan shortly. Further reference is invited to our issue of the 15th ult.

Canadian Harbour.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific all the port and harbour authorities in Canada—on the coast, the St. Lawrence, and the Great Lakes—are busy either planning or carrying out schemes to provide additional facilities for the rapidly-increasing trade of the Dominion. Many British firms of world-wide repute, are interested in the various projects, and, in fact, several of them have already made arrangements for the creation of branch establishments on the other side of the Atlantic, while it is estimated that the different enterprises will involve an expenditure not far short of a hundred millions sterling. In view of the expected opening of the Panama Canal, twelve months hence, and of the approaching completion of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern transcontinental railways, which, with the Canadian Pacific line, will provide three great routes from east to west, big improvements are already in progress at Vancouver and Prince Rupert. Then, not many days ago, the firm of Sir John Jackson, Limited, of Westminster,

VESSELS TAKING CARGO.

European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To.	To be Dispatched.
London via Usual Ports of Call	Delta	P. & O. Co.	4 January
London and Antwerp	Monmouthshire	J. M. & Co.	18 Jan., about
London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Sumatra	P. & O. Co.	8 Jan., about
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Sambria	H. A. L.	14 January
do do	Altmark	H. A. L.	27 January
do do	Fuerst Buelow	H. A. L.	24 January
Rotterdam, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Armenia	H. A. L.	15 January
do do	Brasilia	H. A. L.	9 January
Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	1 February
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Danerio	Bank Line	Begin January
Cape Ports via Mauritius	Canton	A. N. & Co.	15 January
Copenhagen and Baltic Ports	Goldenfels	H. A. L.	8 February
Marseilles	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	19 January
Trieste via Singapore, Penang & Colombo, &c.	Kleist	M. & Co.	8 January
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, Southampton	Aki Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
Marseilles, London & Antwerp via Singapore, &c.			

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

Boston and New York	Lovet	D. & Co.	28 Jan., about
New York via Ports and Suez Canal	Swazi	S. T. & Co.	11 Jan., about
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	9 January
do do	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	11 January
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	7 January
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., Seattle & Tacoma, &c.	Orterio	Bank Line	15 January
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Sado Maru	N. Y. K.	14 January
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Seattle Maru	O. S. K.	23 January
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	11 January
Vancouver	Monteagle	C. P. R. Co.	8 March

Australia.

Australian Ports	Changsha	B. & S.	4 January
Australian Ports via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	4 January
do do	Yawata Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
do do	Coblentz	M. & Co.	25 January

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroom	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do	Tjimahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Katsang	J. M. & Co.	11 January
do do	Gregory Apcar	D. S. & Co.	8 January
Singapore, Penang and Rangoon	Okara	J. M. & Co.	12 January
Bombay via Singapore and Colombo	Kamakura Maru	N. Y. K.	8 January
Bombay via Singapore and Penang	Capri	D. & Co.	7 January
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Middle of January
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Yokohama and Kobe	Fultala	J. M. & Co.	14 January
Kobe and Yokohama	Arratoon Apcar	D. S. & Co.	5 January
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Coblentz	M. & Co.	7 Jan., about
Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy	Sosha Maru	O. S. K.	8 January
Swatow and Amoy	Daijin Maru	O. S. K.	5 January
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Chinkiang	B. & S.	3 January
Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	7 January
Manila	Kwangse	B. & S.	5 January
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Yuensang	J. M. & Co.	4 January
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Teau	B. & S.	7 January
do do	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	7 January
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	18 January
do do	Carmanthenshire	J. M. & Co.	14 Jan., about
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Tosa Maru	N. Y. K.	8 January
do do	Fooksang	J. M. & Co.	4 January
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Jelunga	D. S. & Co.	17 January
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Sanuki Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
Shanghai, Tsingtau, Kobe and Yokohama	Sardinia	P. & O. Co.	9 Jan., about
Shanghai	Goeben	M. & Co.	9 Jan., about
do	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjikini	P. M. Co.	Quick despatch
do	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	5 January
do	Anhui	B. & S.	4 January
do	Kwongsang	J. M. & Co.	5 January

To Sail

Hongkong—New York.



AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ
CANAL.
HONGKONG-NEW YORK
(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast)

British S.S. "SWAZI"
on or about 11th January, 1913.

For freight & further information, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd Dec. 1912. [537]

secured the contract for the construction of new harbour works at Victoria; and, at Esquimaux, Messrs. Denny Brothers, of Dumbarton, are interested in a company which is to build a graving dock 300ft. long, 122ft. wide, and 40ft. deep. Ship-repairing plant will also be operated in connection with it, and it is hoped to give employment to between 4,000 and 5,000 men.

To Sail

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship
"ARRATOON APCAR."
Capt. R. F. Thomson, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 3rd Jan., at 1 p.m.

The Steamship has superior accommodation for passengers, is fitted with wireless telegraphy, electric fans in all staterooms, and carrying first class passengers only. Is due at Hongkong on the 18th instant, and will leave for Yokohama direct the following day. She will return here on THURSDAY, January 2nd and will sail for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Suez (for Ostia), Port Said, Malak and Marseilles on MONDAY, January 6th 1913.

A number of vacant first class berths are available at moderate rates, and special accommodation can also be booked if required. For further particulars please apply to—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th Nov. 1912. [84]

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast).

THE Steamship

"SONUYKILL"
will be despatched from this port on 4th January.

For freight and further particulars apply to—

THE HANK LINE, LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th Dec. 1912. [199]

To Sail

R.M.S. "DUNOTTAR CASTLE."

The above steamer of 5,687 tons register and classed 100 A.L. at Lloyd's having superior first class passenger accommodation, fitted with wireless telegraphy, electric fans in all staterooms, and carrying first class passengers only, is due at Hongkong on the 18th instant, and will leave for Yokohama direct the following day. She will return here on THURSDAY, January 2nd and will sail for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Suez (for Ostia), Port Said, Malak and Marseilles on MONDAY, January 6th 1913.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

(Taking cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras, and Calcutta.)

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR."
Capt. J. E. Drake, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 8th Jan. 1913 at 5 p.m.

For freight or passage, apply to—

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 31st Dec. 1912. [101]

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO DEPART TO-MORROW.

For	Vessel
Japan,	Fooksang.
Australia,	St. Albans.
Europe,	Delta.
Philippines,	Yuensang.
Macao,	Sui Tai.
Shanghai,	Anhui.
Shanghai,	Koerber.
Australia,	Changsha.
New York,	Schuykill.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

From	Vessels
Singapore,	Capri.
Singapore,	Vorwaerts.
Singapore,	Koerber.
Moji,	Gregory Apcar.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. Tenyo Maru, arrived at Yokohama from Honolulu on the 30th ult., and may be expected here on the 9th January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru, leaves San Francisco for Hongkong on the 4th January, and is due here on the 31st January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Ohio Maru, left Yokohama for Honolulu and San Francisco on the 31st ult., and is due at San Francisco on the 16th January.

The P. M. s.s. Mongolia, will be dispatched from this port for San Francisco via the usual ports, on the 9th inst., at 1 p.m. instead of on the 7th inst.

The P. M. s.s. Korea, with the American mail, sailed for this port from San Francisco via Honolulu, the usual Japan ports and Manila on the 27th ult.

The P. M. s.s. Siberia, arrived at San Francisco on the 30th ult.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Goeben, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 11th inst., left Colombo on the 29th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about 9th January.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I. M. G. s.s. Coblentz, left Sydney on the 14th ult., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about 6th January.

The E. and A. s.s. Eastern, from Sydney, etc., left Port Darwin on the 29th ult. for Manila and this port.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong Maru, left Honolulu for Manila on the 31st ult., where she is due on the 12th January.

The s.s. Shimosa, sailed from New York on the 24th Nov., for Far East, via the Straits.

The s.s. Glenlogan, passed the Suez Canal on the 27th ult., for Hongkong via Straits.

The s.s. Capri, left Singapore for this port on the 27th ult., and may be expected here on or about 4th January.

The A. L. s.s. Vorwaerts, left Singapore for this port on the 28th ult., and will arrive here on the 4th January.

The Ben Line s.s. Bendoran, from Antwerp, Middlesbrough and London, left Singapore for this port on Dec. 30th.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Laisang, from Calcutta, is due at Hongkong on the 10th January. She leaves for Japan on the 12th January.

The Shire Line s.s. Carmarthen, from London, is due at Hongkong on the 12th January.

The B. I. S. N. s.s. Fultala, from Rangoon, is due at Hongkong on the 7th January.

The s.s. Glenroy, passed the Suez Canal on the 20th ult., for Hongkong via Straits.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru, arrived at Yokohama from Honolulu on the 2nd January, and is due here on the 18th January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Bujo Maru, left Valparaiso for Iquique on the 28th ult., where she was due on the 2nd January.

The A. L. s.s. Koerber, left Singapore for this port on the 30th ult., and will arrive here on the 4th inst. p.m.

The Apcar s.s. Gregory Apcar, from Shanghai and Kobe, left Moji on the 30th ult. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 4th inst. a.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Alacrity, Br. Naval despatch vessel, 1,700 T. L. Lambe, 1st Jan.—Shanghai 28th Dec.

Anghin, Ger. s.s. 1,005, C. Kimpel, 27th Dec.—Swallow 26th Dec. Rice—B. & S. Arratoon Apcar, Br. s.s., 2,931, R. F. Thomson, 1st Jan.—Singapore 24th Dec. Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Binh Thuan, Fr. s.s., 984, D. Varause, 31st Dec.—Hal-phong 28th Dec. Cement and Coal—B. & S. Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s., 899, D. Fucisgami, 1st Jan.—Tamsui 29th Dec. Gen.—O. S. K.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940, A. Halley, 21st Dec.—Vancouver, B.C., 28th Nov. Mail & Gen.—O. P. R. Co.

Heimdal, Nor. s.s., 762, T. J. Johnson, 2nd Jan.—Haiphong 31st Dec. Stone—S. T. & Co.

Indo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,977, Komiyama, 31st Dec.—Moji 25th Dec. Coal—O. S. K. Irene, Chi. s.s. Chi. 827, Baines, 25th Dec.—Canton 25th Dec. Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Johanne, Ger. s.s., 952, Ipland, 2nd Jan.—Haiphong and Hoilow 1st Jan. Gen.—J. & Co.

Kalgan, Br. s.s., 1,143, Davies, 28th Dec.—Canton 27th Dec. Ballast—B. & S. Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,134, Lewis, 22nd Dec.—Canton 21st Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Mongolia, Am. s.s., 8,750, Emery Rice, 2nd Jan.—San Francisco 30th Nov. Gen.—P. M. Co.

Prinz Waldemar, Ger. s.s., 1,736, H. Bremer, 27th Dec.—Yokohama 20th Dec. Gen.—M. & Co.

Rutherglen, Br. s.s., 2,742, W. Gay, 27th Dec.—Wales 9th Nov. Coal—A. Weil.

Saigon Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,259, Yamaguchi, 29th Dec.—Moji 3rd Dec. Coal—O. S. K.

Schuykill, Br. s.s., 3,343, L. Smith, 1st Jan.—Shanghai, Gen.—A. W. & Co.

Seangchoon, Br. s.s., 3,722, W. T. Lykins, 28th Dec.—Singapore 23rd Dec. Gen.—Seang Tak Hong.

Shibetoro Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,378, T. Miyata, 23rd Dec.—Moji 17th Dec. Coal—W. B. K.

St. Albans, Br. s.s., 2,437, Pigott, 2nd Jan.—Kobe 28th Dec. Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Szechuen, Br. s.s., 1,143, Cowen, 25th Dec.—Canton 24th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Teau, Br. s.s., 1,374, A. W. Outerbridge, 32nd Dec.—Manila 17th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,524, Fraser, 31st Dec.—Saigon 25th Dec. Rice & Gen.—Wo Fat Shin.

HOTEL LISTS.

Hongkong Hotel.
 Adair, Mr. and Herdman, A. E.
 Mrs. Hiltmann, K.
 Ainslie, Dr. D. Hope, E.
 H. Home, R.
 Agnew, Mr. and Howard Mrs. J.
 Mrs. V. M.
 Arden, J. S. Hunt, Th. van
 Aulrey, G. Hunt, Mr. and
 Ball, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.
 Mrs. F. S. Hunt, H. J.
 Barberini, E. T. Innes, Capt. R.
 Bargmann, F. Judah, Mrs. A.
 Baring, M. N. E.
 Bate, E. R. King, C. R.
 Beaumont, G. A. Komor, G.
 Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Kruseman, A.
 C. D. J. Lloyd, G. T.
 Bellios, Mrs. E. Lowrie, S.
 R. MacGregor, N.
 Bena, G. A. C.
 Bennet, A. Mackenzie, A.
 Beaumont, R. C. MacLennan, D.
 Bernis, J. G.
 Bessinger, Dr. Macedo, J. M.
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 Bessinger, C. and Mrs. Neil.
 Beynon, Capt. MacDonald, Mr.
 C. R. and Mrs. F. C.
 Binns, S. C. Macrae, Mrs.
 Blane, Mr. and Marriott, Dr. O.
 Mrs. N. F. Matheson, Mrs.
 Boardman, Mrs. R. T. and
 Bradford, Miss child.
 B. Mehta, K. B.
 Buschnar, O. Merck, J.
 Campbell, A. McKenny, Dr.
 Cartland, Miss A. C. W. & Mrs.
 B. McNeill, Mr. &
 Ohakley, Mr. & Mrs. D.
 Mrs. H. F. Mitchellmore,
 Chaplin, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs.
 and maid E. V.
 Christie, P. N. Menzies, Major
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 No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd of Jan., 1913, will be subject to rent.
 All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd of Jan., at 9.30 a.m.
 All claims must reach us before the 9th of Jan., 1913, or they will not be recognized.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD
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Hongkong, 26th Dec., 1912. [1007]

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN
 PORTS AND MANILA.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately at consignees' risk and expense.
 Cargo remaining on board after Saturday Jan. 4 1913 at noon will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.
 Cargo remaining undelivered THURSDAY Jan. 9th 1913 at noon will be subject to landing and storage charges.
 No fire insurance whatever will be effected.
 All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown TUESDAY Jan. 7th 1913 at 10 a.m.
 No claims will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
 All claims must be filed on or before 2nd Feb., 1913, otherwise they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, 2nd Jan., 1913. [1037]

Consignees

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG
 and SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
 "ARRATOON AFGAR,"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 1 p.m. of the 3rd inst., will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of cargo from Singapore are requested to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside, such cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,
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 Hongkong, 2nd Jan., 1913. 1025

AMERICAN AND MAN-
 CHURIAN LINE.
 NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship
 "KANSAS,"

Captain R. Linklater, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, 8th inst., at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th inst., will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 2nd Jan., 1913. 102

CLUB LUSITANO.

There was a very large gathering at the above club on Tuesday night for the New Year's Eve ball. Dancing began at 9 p.m. by which time the building was already well filled. The music was supplied by the band of the 26th Punjab; the dancing hall, upper room etc. were prettily decorated, and the entire arrangements reflect very great credit on the committee. Among those present were the Portuguese Consul and the officers from the Portuguese mon of war Patria and Adamastor.

Extra. Two Step Everybody's doing it.

1. Valse.....The Waltz Dream.
2. Valse.....Nights of Gladness.
3. Lancers.....The White City.
4. Valse.....A Thousand Kisses.
5. Valse.....The Count of Luxembourg.
6. Two Step.....Rainbow.
7. Valse.....Songe D'Automne.
8. Lancers.....The Duke of Fife.
9. Valse.....Gold and Silver.
10. Valse.....The Choristers.
11. Burn Dance.....Happy Dances.
12. Lancers.....The Geisha.
13. Valse.....Dreaming.
14. Valse.....Eternal.
15. Lancers.....The Arcadians.
16. Valse.....The Count of Luxembourg.
17. Valse.....The Merry Widow.

Disquiet in the Frontier Province. Owing to the disquiet in the frontier provinces, after a consultation between the President and the Premier, the Cabinet has forwarded the order of the President regarding Martial Law to the following provinces, the Three Eastern Provinces, Chhota, Shansi, Kansu, Sinkiang and Ili.

Sir W. S. Gilbert Memorial. At a meeting held at the Garfield Theatre last month the Executive Committee recommended that the memorial to Sir W. S. Gilbert should be an artistic monument illustrative of his work, including a bust, medalion, or other presentment, to be erected in a public place in London. It was also decided to invite subscriptions, the receipt of which will be acknowledged by the hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Rowland Brown, 3, Pump Court, Temple, or by Messrs. Lloyds Bank, Law Courts Branch, Strand.

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LOCAL SPORT.

New Year Cricket.
 The all day match between the Hongkong C.C. and the United Services Recreation Club which was played on Wednesday on the former's ground was one of interest in many ways; but chiefly on account of the fine individual work that was done by players on both sides. There was not a great attendance of spectators during any part of the game, the reason probably being the low temperature, but those who did sit it out, saw something of a tragedy in Pearce just missing his century, and excellent work by Bird and Dempsey with the ball.

Play started at 10.25, Pearce and Elborough opening the innings for Hongkong against the bowling of White and Dempsey. Runs came somewhat slowly at first, 73 runs being put up in the first 57 minutes. It was at this stage that Elborough was held by Poole off White, he having a useful 26 to his credit. His place was taken by Claxton, and in partnership with Pearce, the latter helped to carry the score to 142. Some brisk scoring and hard hitting made runs come quickly, 60 being added in 40 minutes. Sixteen runs later Pearce was bowled by Dempsey, just when he wanted one to complete a century. In his ninety-nine, there were thirteen fours; three threes, and six twos. He batted consistently and laid on the willow with great effect. R. Hancock, who followed, made 47 not out, playing in his usual style, while the only other score of importance was that of R. M. Anderson, 24. Bowling for the U.S.R.C. Dempsey did some really good work. He bowled well throughout, securing seven wickets five of which were clean bowled. His average worked out at 14.85 runs per wicket.

The innings for the service club was remarkable for the way in which the majority of the batsmen went down before the bowling of Bird. If anything, he seemed to have rather more pace than usual, and, with the exception of Capt Crawford who, however, ultimately became a victim, none of the batsmen seemed to settle down to his deliveries. He took 8 wickets for 63 runs—a very good performance.

Capt Crawford batting for an hour and three quarters put 72 to his credit before Bird found the wickets. He played a steady game, treating loose stuff mercilessly but giving every respect to the deliveries of Bird. His score included eight fours; one three and seven twos. The next highest score was that of Major Bowen with 43, while Engineer Lt. Smith did well for 32. In the result the U.S.R.C. lost by 46 runs. The scores were as follows:—

Hongkong.
 T. E. Pearce, b Dempsey ... 99
 A. Elborough, c Poole ... 26
 b White ... 28
 A. A. Claxton c Wiltshire b Christian ... 31
 R. Hancock not out ... 47
 Stephenson-Jellie, b Dempsey ... 4
 J. S. Lloyd, b Dempsey ... 4
 W. O. D. Turner, b Dempsey ... 0
 S. H. Dodwell, b Dempsey ... 8
 R. N. Anderson b Christian ... 24
 R. O. Hutchison l.b.w. ... 0
 Dempsey ... 0
 R. E. O. Bird, b Dempsey ... 11
 Extras ... 6
 Total ... 256

Bowling Analysis
 O. M. R. W.
 White ... 22 2 75 1
 Dempsey ... 21 5 103 7
 Christian ... 18 2 72 2
 U.S.R.C.
 Capt Crawford b Bird 72
 E. R. A. Poole c Dodwell b Bird 32
 Eng Lt. Smith c Dodwell b Bird 32
 Major Bowen c Dodwell b Bird 43
 Capt Robertson ... b Bird 0
 Corp Dempsey c Hancock b Bird ... 1
 Bird ... 2
 Lt G. de Houghton ... b Bird 2
 Lt Wiltshire c Claxton b Bird 14
 H. Buxton ... b Dodwell 11
 Lt Christian not out ... 4
 Lt White c Hutchison b ... 6
 Dodwell ... 12
 Extras ... 12
 Total ... 210

Bowling Analysis
 O. M. R. W.
 Bird ... 22 6 63 2
 Dodwell ... 14 5 42 2
 Anderson ... 10 1 47 1
 B. Hancock ... 6 1 13 1
 A. C. Elborough ... 4 1 13 1
 Lloyd ... 4 1 10 1

Dr. Gilbert Reid, who interpreted the speeches into Chinese, and the Chairman of the Shanghai Chinese Chamber of Commerce thanked the speakers for their addresses.

SIR CHARLES ELIOT.

Hongkong University and China.
 Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., C.B., Principal of Hongkong University, speaking at a reception given in his honour at the International Institute Shanghai on the 23rd ult. made it quite clear says the "N. China Daily News," that the Hongkong University intends to be a potent factor in the development of the future China. He explained the international character of the University, and stated that it was the wish of those who founded that institution that the Chinese side of it should be fully emphasized. Chinese students on entry had to pass an examination in their own language, and two Chinese professors would devote their time to educating them in matters relating to their own country. Matters of religion were left of the students and their parents to decide, and the founders of the institution and the teachers felt that it was important that young Chinese should be kept in touch with the best traditions of their own country.

Past and Present.
 Speaking of the crisis through which China is passing, Sir Charles Eliot laid emphasis on the fact that the ancient civilization of China would no longer be of use and that if the Chinese wished to keep their place in the world they must become acquainted with European methods and European thought. This was a task which the faculty had set before them. Keeping Chinese students in their natural environment, the wished to bring them into contact with European influences and learning—not theoretical contact, but, so far as they could do so, in practical contact. Courses in medicine, engineering and a liberal education which was commonly known under the name of arts, were given.

Sir Charles went on to deal with these branches in some detail. The medical division was the oldest and it had already surprised a number of practitioners in the south of China. The largest department at the present time was that of engineering, and evidently the Chinese considered that to be the most important branch of education. He pointed out the special facilities offered by the University and showed that it provided more than book learning—it gave students a practical acquaintance with machinery. It was, he said, clear to all that China offered a great field for engineering enterprises, and therefore it was a matter of moment to every patriotic Chinese that there should be a large number of young Chinese able to take charge of these branches of industry and manage them for themselves.

Importance of the Arts.
 The speaker next dealt with the importance of an arts education, and said that no one could be a good administrator without some knowledge of history, geography, international law and the customs and habits of other nations. Similarly in business the time had passed when any great commercial house could be conducted simply by attending to the affairs of the business in that city. A large business involved a knowledge of the affairs of several countries and Chinese merchants could only compete with other countries by providing themselves with an adequate education.

In conclusion Sir Charles spoke of the possibilities of the University in drawing the different parts of this country together and in keeping the Republic united, which was one of the greatest problems of the moment. Mr. Hinton, a professor of economics at Hongkong University, said that from an economical point of view the great problems before China were production and a more even distribution of wealth. He spoke of the part which the University would play in the solution of these problems.

Dr. Gilbert Reid, who interpreted the speeches into Chinese, and the Chairman of the Shanghai Chinese Chamber of Commerce thanked the speakers for their addresses.

Post to Sheerness.
 Lieut. A. F. P. Wehner, Instructor in Gunnery, second class at Singapore, has been posted to No. 19 Company, Royal Garrison Artillery, at Sheerness, from December 19.

COMMERCIAL.

Cotton Trade in America.

London, Dec. 4.—Particulars have just been received of the trade results of the cotton manufacturing concerns at Fall River in the United States. The figures are disappointing, and show that the past year has been the worst since 1906. The unfavourable reports are said to be due partly to the shortening of the hours of labour, and partly owing to the advance in wages to the operatives. There are also some complaints of shortage of labour. Figures are available of 36 corporations with a total subscribed capital of \$27,070. The distribution to shareholders during the year has been \$1,120,625, or at the rate of 4.07 per cent. per annum. In 1911 there was distributed \$1,392,100, the rate per cent. per annum being 5.01. In the previous year the average dividend was 6.74 per cent. per annum, the amount paid out being \$1,827,050. The figures have also just been received relating to the foreign trade in cotton piece goods of manufactures in the United States, the shipments being, for the nine months ended September 30, 359,082,941 yards, as compared with 254,015,689 yards in 1911. During September the exports amounted to 31,056,675 yards, against 33,025,707 yards in the same month of last year.

The Sugar Outlook.

Eight million, eight hundred and fifty five thousand metric tons of 2,204.6 pounds is the estimate of the probable European sugar output for the season 1912-13, as published in daily consular and trade reports under date of November 18. As to prospects in non-European producing centres, reports from Cuba show heavy rains in Oriente and lack of moisture in the western provinces. Crop prospects are in general good in Cuba and an output of 2,000,000 tons is not impossible. Porto Rico and the Hawaiian islands are suffering from lack of rain. The Louisiana crop, which was badly damaged by unfavourable winter weather and floods will probably be about 100,000 tons short. Harvest is being pushed actively in Mauritius, where according to reports, the yield is large but not so good in quality as expected. A crop of 200,000 to 210,000 tons is expected. The outlook is said to be very promising in Brazil, but the crop did not come up to expectations in Argentina, so that sugar will have to be imported from Europe. Barbados needs rain and a small crop is anticipated. In Demerara, British Guiana, the crop has suffered from drought and the cane is not in good condition. A part of the Formosa crop has been destroyed by storms. Late reports from Java indicate a fair crop with subnormal rain-falls.

South British Insurance Co.

The Report and Balance Sheet of the South British Insurance Company, Limited have just been issued, and show a very satisfactory state of affairs. The net premium revenue amounts to £376,664; income received from interests and rents £30,764, making a total of £413,429. The total amount of credit of profit and loss account is £20,235. From this has already been paid an interim dividend of 1s. 9d. per share, and after transferring £20,000 to reserve fund, which already stands at £400,000, and £2,987 to investment fluctuation reserve fund, and dealing with other items of expenditure, the balance remaining is £53,294. From this, the directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of 2nd. od. per share, which will absorb £20,000. The total dividend paid amounts to 3s. 9d. per cent. on the paid-up capital. The balance carry forward to next year is £33,294. With the object of reducing the unclaimed liability of the shares, it was decided to call up £1 per share. To meet this call, the directors recommend the payment of a bonus dividend of £1 per share, to be met from the reserve fund; this amount will accordingly stand at £20,000, and the paid-up capital at £300,000. The total assets of the company amount to £515,419.

BOXING REFLECTIONS.

Joe Waterman and the "Telegraph".

The boxing at the Skating Rink on New Year's Day was interesting with the exception of the fight between Page and Didd and of this the least said the better. Didd brought a reputation with him but after his display with Page, his bubble reputation is burst.

In the Dean-Edwards fight one received many surprises, as at one time it appeared all over with Dean. Even though he won there was more than ordinary luck attached to it—he was very lucky. The gunner took matters too easily in the second round and became more careless as the fight progressed. As invariably happens when one man underestimates another, as Edwards did, the underdog proved his superiority, and put the other asleep.

Kerrison's "Go."

One very pleasant feature of the night was to see Sky Kerrison do something in the way of earnest boxing, and the way he set about Burge in the second round proved that he has some "go" in him if he will only keep up his heart. In the first round opened Kerrison's eye with his stiff left but after the initial round Kerrison had gained a lesson by which he profited. He could plainly see, as did the audience, that a good left was the only item of stock-in-trade that the gunner had, and he paid attention to that department with such carelessness that Burge had not a ghost of a chance with him again and the latter finally took the count.

The Star Bout.

The Bux and Smith fight was the star bout, and the result of the fight was that Bux will long remember the doggedness of his opponent. Smith was all over him up to the sixth round, and the hugging stunt that Bux has managed with a certain amount of success in the past, proved of no use in this encounter, since, when Bux played the teddy bear, Smith sent his right and left into the stomach with the rapidity that shots leave a maxim gun, counting all the time. The Bux commenced to swing wildly and, to the amusement of the spectators prostrated himself on one occasion when he expected Smith to wait until he had punched him. In the sixth round Bux showed some of his old form and put one to remember on Smith's jaw with his left. This he followed with a blow that certainly appeared to be a foul one.

Chimed a Foul.

Smith went to the boards claiming a foul and appearing to be doubled up with pain. The referee did not give his decision at the moment as the onlookers were crying out "foul" and "dirty," and he could not make himself heard. Strange to say the timekeepers did not count, because, had they done so, Smith would have been counted out, since the referee had not given any decision. They were not altogether to blame for this, as they had come to the conclusion—though the timekeepers should not arrive at conclusions that stop their counting—that the man had been fouled. The referee on the other hand had nothing to do with the counting, although he asked to be thus empowered before the fight commenced, and, seeing that the man had not been clocked, he decided they should fight it out. Now, there are no two ways about a decision, and Smith should have been declared either the winner or the loser—he was either one or the other. Grace did not believe that the blow landed in the abdomen and he asked for a medical man to be brought to examine Smith. In the meantime Smith was taken to his corner and the gong had sounded time. Grace then arrived at the only conclusion he could have come to under the circumstances at that stage, and seeing that Smith was willing and prepared to go on, he ordered the men to fight the issue out. In the seventh round Bux brought Smith to the boards again but struck him when not in power to do so, and was disqualified. Up to this round there seemed little doubt that Smith had a good lead on points and the hope of the backers of Bux was that Smith

would fail to stay the distance. As it was, however, the decision went to Smith and Bux lost his title.

Wilkes proved conclusively that he was the master of Joe Waterman as a boxer, the former playing every point in the game whilst Waterman waited in vain for the knock-out. At the conclusion of the bout Waterman called for the "Telegraph" representative and said he hoped that the "Telegraph" would deal more kindly with him in the report of this fight than it did in the last. He had fought a good fight, he said, and last time the "Telegraph" made him out to be one of the dirtiest fighters that ever entered a ring. Waterman was quite wrong there. In the report, combined of, of such statement was made. Certainly reference was made to an unclean incident or two, and whenever that occurs, no matter who the fighter is, the "Telegraph" will always comment upon it, at the same time giving credit to whatever virtues the man shows. On New Year's Day Waterman did fight better and he has the congratulations of the writer for showing the gameness that he did throughout the contest, but Waterman himself admitted when he was leaving the ring that Wilkes was "a good and clean fighter" and "too clever for him."

"I am too slow," he added, "but I am fresh and fit to go another ten rounds. I will fight him again one hundred times any time." Yes, that may be so, and in a fight to a finish there is no doubt that Waterman will win says

"Xaverian."

MANILA DOG SHOW.

Philippine Kennel Club Busy.

The Philippine Kennel Club has plans well under way for its Third Annual Dog Show, which the club intends to make bigger and better than either of the shows of past years. A show committee of six members has been appointed, says the "Cable News American" and has already held two meetings, with the result that its plans are all completed and everybody is hustling for the success of the club's great annual event. The show will take place on the first four days of the 1913 Carnival, the hours being from 5 to 10 p.m. each day. Medals and certificates will be awarded to all winning dogs and everything possible done to make things pleasant and interesting for both exhibitors and spectators.

A feature of the 1913 show will be a new plan of the show committee to foster competition and make the judging more interesting to the spectators. Experience in former shows has demonstrated that in many breeds only one or two dogs are entered in a class and this results in lack of competition and of interest in the judging of such classes. The plan is to group all breeds into three divisions; sporting, utility and toy. Whenever a class of a regular breed is called and less than three dogs respond, such dogs will not be judged in that class but will pass to the corresponding class of one of the above divisions; there to compete with dogs of other breeds in the same division which encounter a similar lack of competition in their respective breeds. It is believed that this plan will enhance the interest for all concerned.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the plans and objects of the Philippine Kennel Club, it may not be out of place to remark that the work done by the organization and by its individual members is wholly a labour of love. It is composed of dog-lovers who have banded themselves together for the purpose of promoting interest in good dogs of all breeds. The dog is man's oldest and most faithful friend and has always occupied a large place in the affection of men of every class, race and color. Any organization which, like the Philippine Kennel Club, is devoted to the promotion, without hope of any reward other than the consciousness of good work well done, of interest in the pure bred dog to the exclusion of the cur and the mongrel, is surely worthy of the support of the public in every way.

POST OFFICE.

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Siam—Per Ulu, 4th Jan, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji—Per Indramayo, 4th Jan, 10 p.m.
Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 3rd Jan., at 5 p.m.—Per Delta, 4th Jan, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 4th Jan, 1 p.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 4th Jan, 1.15.

Saigon—Per Phranang, 4th Jan, 4 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per A. Apear, 4th Jan, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Kwong-sang, 4th Jan, 5 p.m.

Angam—Per Rutherglen, 4th Jan, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Koerber, 4th Jan, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Yokohama—Per Vorwaerts, 5th Jan, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow via Tamul—Per Dsjin-maru, 5th Jan, 9 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 6th Jan, 1.15 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Baiching, 6th Jan, 5 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy—Per Kwang-se, 6th Jan, 5 p.m.

Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per Saigon, 7th Jan, 8 a.m.

Straits and Bombay—Per Capri, 7th Jan, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Victoria and Tacoma—Panama Maru, 7th Jan, noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 7th Jan, 1.15.

Philippine Islands—Per Rubi, 7th Jan, 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Tean, 7th Jan, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow via Anping—Per Soshu-maru, 7th Jan, 5 p.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Naples—Per Kleist, 8th Jan, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America via San Francisco (Europe via Siberia)—Per Mongolia, 9th Jan, noon.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chenan, 9th Jan, 3 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Futata, 9th Jan, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per Empress of India, 10th Jan, 6 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Kutang, 11th Jan, 1 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Loong-sang, 11th Jan, 1 p.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) (Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.)—Per Amazon, 14th Jan, 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Kansas, Br. s.s., 3,335, R. Linklater, 1st Jan.—New York and Sabag 22nd Dec., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Tamsui, Br. s.s., 919, W. J. French, 1st Jan.—Swatow 31st Dec., Ballast—B. & S.

Chipsing, Br. s.s., F. Mooney, 2nd Jan.—Swatow 1st Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Kiang Ping, Br. s.s., 1,322, Udden, 2nd Jan.—Chinkiang 26th Dec., Gen.—Tung Lee.

Dunottar, Castle, Br. s.s., W. F. Stanley, R.N.R. 2nd Jan.—Shanghai 30th Dec., Ballast—J. M. & Co.

Koan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,145, E. Fukuda, 2nd Jan.—Miko 27th Dec., Coal—M. B. K.

Ulv, Nor. s.s., 885, J. Pederson, 2nd Jan.—Amoy 1st Jan., Ballast—A. T. & Co.

Indramayo, Br. s.s., 3,370, W. Ide, 2nd Jan.—Sabag 20th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Altraark, Ger. s.s., 5,506, H. Inenig, 2nd Jan.—Hamburg 16th Nov., Gen.—H. A. L.

Delta, Br. s.s., 4,789, M. P. Martin, R.N.R. 3rd Jan.—Shanghai 31st Dec., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Nippon Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,452, A. G. Stevede, 3rd Jan.—San Francisco 7th Dec., Midsp etc.—T. K. K.

Shuntein, Br. s.s., 1,085, Heppell, 3rd Jan.—Shanghai 31st Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Candia, Br. s.s., 4,195, R. S. Peel, 3rd Jan.—London 20th Nov., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Sosha Maru, Jap. s.s., K. Tashero, 3rd Jan.—Swatow 2nd Jan., Gen.—O. S. K.

Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,408, J. Miller, 3rd Jan.—Manila, P. I., 31st Dec., Hemp—S. T. & Co.

Varg Nor. s.s., Rasmussen, 3rd Jan.—Hougang 31st Dec., Coal—B. & Co.

India, Br. s.s., 3,700, G. W. Gordon, R.N.R. 3rd Jan.—Bombay and Singapore 29th Dec., Mail and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE FRENCH MAIL.

Jan. 2.
Varg, for Canton.

Jan. 3.
Altmark, for Yokohama, Sekta, for Bangkok.

Chuen On, for Malouchoy. Kwanglee, for Shanghai.

Bandalmaro, for Moji. Indramayo, for Yokohama.

Candia, for Yokohama. Chinkiang, for Amoy.

DEPARTED.

Jan. 3.
Waiyang, for Foochow.

Idomeneus, for Saigon. Bandalmaro, for Moji.

Chipsing, for Canton. Kuikiang, for Canton.

Kwong-sang, for Canton. Foochow, for Canton.

Kiang Ping, for Canton. Chinkiang, for Amoy.

Phranang, for Saigon. Sekta, for Siam.

Jan. for Port Courtbet.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Mongolia, arrived 2nd inst., from San Francisco, &c.: Babin, Mrs. P. Kuykendall, O. Burns, P. E. M.

Booth, Mr. and Lack, Geo. M. Mrs. Wm. J. Lian Kin-sin.

Cambridge, A. J. MacMurray, Dr. Conrad, Aug. and Mrs. J. Coleman, Mr. and MacMurray, Miss C.

Granston, J. W. MacMurray, Denny, Mr. and Miss Carol.

Mrs. R. H. McKean, Dr. G. Denny, Miss M. W.

L. Muirrah, B. shop and Mrs. Fleet, Mrs. W. C.

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Frey, Mr. and Spallinger, M. Mrs. A. J. Spallinger, Mrs. Frey, Master R. M.

Selby, Miss F. Field, Miss M. L. R. Gaudineau, Lt. Steward, M. & Mrs. G. H.

Henderson, P. Scott, Mrs. T. A. Heilker, Mrs. F. Scott, Miss W. Hallett, Mr. and Toll, F. W.

Mrs. A. J. Warren, R. J. Joseph, Mrs. S. L. K. Joers, R. J. S.

Joresten, W. Yennington, Jenkins, Mrs. Mr. H. H. F.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 3rd at 10.55.—Pressure has further decreased over China, Indo-China and the Philippines. The anticyclone is still weakening. It is now central over the Eastern Sea.

Light or variable winds are indicated between Weihaiwei and Foochow. Moderate monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast. North or variable winds, moderate; fine.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. N. winds, strong.

2 Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

3rd January, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force. Weather.

Wootock 7a. 30.00. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Nomuro 6a. 30.00. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Hakodate 30.05. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Tokio 30.21. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Kochi 30.27. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Nagasaki 30.27. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

K'shima 30.29. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Oshima 30.18. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Naha 30.09. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Ishijima 30.05. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Bonin Is. 30.15. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Chefoo 30.15. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Whaiwei 30.15. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Hankow 30.15. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Jokang 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Kinkiang 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Changsha 30.28. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Shanghai 30.18. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Gutzlaff 30.24. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Sharp P. 30.25. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Amoy 30.25. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Swatow 30.15. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Taihook 30.10. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Taihu 30.09. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Tainan 30.03. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Koshun 30.03. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

P'lores 30.03. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Canton 30.23. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

H'kong 30.12. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Cap Rock 30.12. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Macao 30.11. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Wuchow 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Hohow 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Pakhoi 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Phullen 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Tourane 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

C. S. J. 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Apari 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Manila 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Legaspi 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Iloilo 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Bacolod 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Cebu 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

Labuan 30.30. 68. 80. 0. 1. 1.

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Hongkong, Observatory, Jan. 3.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On Date On Date

Barometer 30.32 30.27 30.16

Temperature 59 52 61

Humidity 50 69 54

Wind Direction } W N W

Force } 8 1 2

Weather } b c d

Rain } 0.00 0.00 0.00

Light } 0.00 0.00 0.00

Lowest } 68.0 68.0 68.0

H.K. Observatory, 2nd Jan., 1913.

T. F. Claxton, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

Dec. 31st to 6th Jan., 1913.

High Water Mean Time.

Low Water Mean Time.